

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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22. (Newly Presented) A method comprising:

maintaining a user searchable digital image database, wherein said digital image database contains a plurality of digital images;

displaying via a display screen at least one thumbnail image representing at least one digital image of said plurality of digital images within a frame in response to a search for a digital image by said user;

embedding within said frame a plurality of iconettes representing a plurality of user selectable functions associated with said at least one digital image; and

selecting at least one iconette among said plurality of iconettes to thereby display information relevant to said at least one digital image.

23. (Newly Presented) The method of claim 22 further comprising:

displaying information relevant to said at least one digital image in a form of a graphical pop-up window by rolling a graphically displayed cursor over said at least one iconette.

24. (Newly Presented) The method of claim 22 further comprising:

displaying an iconette information window comprising an interactive region for initiating at least one user transaction thereof by clicking said at least one iconette.

25. (Newly Presented) The method of claim 22 wherein said digital image database is searchable by said user by subject of said digital image.

26. (Newly Presented) The method of claim 22 wherein each iconette of said plurality of iconettes displays represents a different function for displaying different categories of information relevant to said digital image.

27. (Newly Presented) The method of claim 26 wherein said different categories of information relevant to said digital image includes copyright data and data

indicative of at least one of the following: file size, file format, royalties, file permissions and conditions of use.

28. (Newly Presented) The method of claim 22 wherein said user searchable digital image database is searchable by at least one of the following: a digital image subject, a photographer name, a date of digital image or location.

29. (Newly Presented) A method comprising:

maintaining a user searchable digital image database wherein said digital image database contains a plurality of digital images;

displaying via a display screen at least one thumbnail image representing at least one digital image of said plurality of digital images within a frame in response to a search for a digital image by said user;

embedding within said frame a plurality of color-coded iconettes representing a plurality of user selectable functions associated with said at least one digital image; and

selecting at least one iconette of said plurality of color-coded iconettes to thereby display information relevant to said at least one digital image.

30. (Newly Presented) The method of claim 29 further comprising:

displaying information relevant to said at least one digital image in a form of a graphical pop-up window by rolling a graphically displayed cursor over said at least one iconette.

31. (Newly Presented) The method of claim 29 further comprising:

displaying an iconette information window comprising an interactive region for initiating at least one user transaction thereof by clicking said at least one iconette.

32. (Newly Presented) The method of claim 29 wherein said digital image database is searchable by said user by subject of said digital image.

33. (Newly Presented) The method of claim 29 wherein each iconette of said plurality of color-coded iconettes displays represents a different function for displaying different categories of information relevant to said digital image.

34. (Newly Presented) The method of claim 29 wherein said different categories of information relevant to said digital image includes conditions of use and at least one of the following: file size, file format, royalties, file permissions and copyrights.

35. (Newly Presented) The method of claim 29 wherein said at least one thumbnail image representing at least one digital image of said plurality of digital images is a compacted view of said at least one digital image.

36. (Newly Presented) A system comprising:

- a user searchable digital image database, wherein said digital image database contains a plurality of digital images;

- a display module for displaying at least one thumbnail image representing at least one digital image of said plurality of digital images within a frame in response to a search for a digital image by said user; and

- a plurality of color-coded iconettes representing a plurality of user selectable functions associated with said at least one digital image embedded within said frame wherein selection of at least one iconette of said plurality of iconettes to displays information relevant to said at least one digital image.

37. (Newly Presented) The system of claim 36 wherein said information relevant to said at least one digital image is displayed in a form of a graphical pop-up window by rolling a graphically displayed cursor over said at least one iconette.

38. (Newly Presented) The system of claim 36 further comprising:
an iconette information window comprising an interactive region for initiating at least one user transaction thereof displayed by clicking said at least one iconette.
39. (Newly Presented) The system of claim 36 wherein said user searchable digital image database is searchable by at least one of the following: a digital image subject, a photographer name, a date of digital image or a location of said digital image.
40. (Newly Presented) The system of claim 36 wherein each iconette among said plurality of iconettes displays represents a different function for displaying different categories of information relevant to said digital image.
41. (Newly Presented) The system of claim 40 wherein said different categories of information relevant to said digital image includes copyright information and data indicative of at least one of the following: file size, file format, royalties, file permissions and conditions of use.